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1. The Skoda Works, Komarno (P48/176) consists of the old shipyard, which was in operation before World War II, and the new shipyard which was started just after the War in 1945. Since May 1950, the old shipyard is handling only repairs of old ships. This includes the mounting of new Skoda Diesel engines. Between May and 10 August 1950 the following ships were repaired:

HASSAN (formerly the German ship WALTER, which now belongs to the USSR). Engine and hull repairs.

ISMAIL (USSR) General repairs and installation of a new Skoda Diesel engine.

SARATOV (USSR) General repairs, installation of a new Skoda engine, new paint job.

RUSSE (Bulgaria) Engine overhauling and general repairs. (The ship hit a mine)

STUROVO-CSPD (Czechoslovak Danube Navigation) General overhauling and laying of a new deck.

SEVASTOPOL (USSR) Repairs to deck and cabins.

BAJAN (USSR) Repair to propeller and to damage caused when the ship hit a mine.

30 cargo boats (mostly Soviet).

2. The new shipyard builds towboats of between 100 and 200 tons as ordered by the USSR, Rumania, Bulgaria, and the CPSU. Between May and August 1950, five towboats were completed. The new shipyard has fulfilled only 80 percent of the quota under the Five Year Plan. Motor boats are to go into production toward the latter part of 1950.

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3. Equipment of the old shipyard includes the following:

Machine Shop:

- 1 lathe, turning length 8m
- 3 lathes, turning length 4m
- 1 lathe, turning length 2m
- 1 lathe, turning length 2½m
- 1 screw cutting lathe
- 1 planing machine, length 6m
- 1 small planing machine
- 1 special boring machine (type Raboma)
- 1 shaping machine
- 4 electric drilling machines
- 1 electric saw
- 1 gear and thread cutting machine
- 1 grinding, boring and polishing machine
- 2 large grinding machines

Forge:

- 5 electric furnaces
- 2 drilling machines
- 2 punches
- 2 shears for cutting iron to 14mm in thickness
- 1 compressor for pneumatic riveters
- 1 shears for sheet iron to 100mm in thickness
- 1 large shears for cutting of profile iron
- 1 small shears for cutting of profile iron
- 3 special boring machines, type Raboma
- 1 crane for transporting plates to Raboma boring machines

Joinery:

- 3 electric planing machines
- 3 circular saws
- 1 band saw

Carpenter Shop:

- 1 planing machine
- 1 saw

Electric Welding Shop:

- 15 electric welding machines

Gas Welding Shop:

- 2 gas welding apparatuses

Outside installations:

- 1 slip
- 1 large bridge crane
- 2 smaller cranes

4. The new shipyard is not completely outfitted as yet. Expected shipments of equipment from the West did not materialize, and the yard has been dependent on deliveries from the Skoda Works, Pilsen. One of the features of the new shipyard is a narrow-gauge railroad and rail connections with the Komarno Danube port. Other equipment includes:

Machine Shop:

- 2 lathes
- 2 boring machines
- 1 small planing machine
- 2 grinding machines

Forge:

- 1 drilling machine
- 1 large and 1 small shears
- 7 electric furnaces
- 1 puncher
- 1 electric welding set

Joinery:

- 2 wood planing machines
- 1 circular saw
- 1 band saw
- 1 polishing machine

Carpenter Shop:

- 1 wood planing machine
- 1 circular saw
- 1 band saw

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Welding Shop: 20 electric welding sets, gas welding apparatus

Boring Workshop: 5 special boring machines, type Baboma
1 crane for transportation of plates

Outside installations: Ways for 12 towboats
1 large bridge crane

5. A total of about 100 clerks are employed in both shipyards. The old shipyard employs about 800 workers, while the new shipyard employs about 1,300. Leading personnel includes the following:

- a. Plant Manager: Ing Frantisek Sarina, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted]
- b. Deputy Manager and Production Chief: Skok, (from Skoda Works, Pilsen) [redacted]
[redacted]
- c. Planning Manager: Ing fnu Obholczek, Hungarian; [redacted]
[redacted]
- d. Workshop Foreman: Ing. fnu Sedlacek, [redacted]
[redacted]

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